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This is probably a waste of time making this comment because even an average person like myself can read between the lines and realize that Section 35 has been selected for the repository and this comment period is just a formality....but here goes.

The daunting fact is that this project is going to take up to twelve years. I am 64 and in twelve years the good Lord willing, I will still be alive and 72. I have had non Hodgkin's Lymphoma and after 6 months of chemo I am now 6 years clean. I do not want to be exposed to contaminated soil and have the possibility of more cancer. The fight for my life aged me to say the least....and if it hadn't been for my husband taking care of me...I'm not sure I would have made it.

One million cubic yards of contaminated soil will be blowing as it is dumped and our land will be the recipient of quite a bit....you can't stop nature. We have worked hard all our lives to have enough money to purchase the land this soil will blow on to. We figured that as we got to the point of not being able to keep up with the care of our home and land that we would sell it and move closer to town where it would not be so taxing on our aging bodies. Now we will lose a tremendous amount of money trying to sell this home and land If indeed we can find a buyer who doesn't mind contaminated soils and constant activity across the highway. We put a great deal of value on the quiet and serenity we have in this neck of the woods and that will be gone also.

I feel that bringing contaminated soil 8 or so miles to an area that is not contaminated very foolish. I feel that the soils should be buried and capped where they are located. Sure more work. Sure more expense. At least according to your study. How convenient.

I see it as more jobs for workers and using our tax dollars to pay them.

Please leave the soil at the Mike Horse Mine area.

Sincerely,

Barbara Grimes